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INVESTIGATION RESULTS

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO THE PEOPLE OF WENDELL FROM THE SELECTBOARD AND THE CHIEF OF POLICE

The Wendell Police Department in cooperation with the Massachusetts District Attorney's Office has recently conducted and completed an investigation into allegations of criminal misconduct against two residents of Wendell. The investigation concluded that the vicious rumors about Appollo (Francesco Compagnone) and Kuumba (Denise Piazza) were entirely unfounded. Police checked all allegations and found "not one iota of evidence" supporting the charges of wrongdoing.

Slanderous rumors have obviously devastating consequences for the targets of gossip who endure personal hurt as well as the possible loss of their good names and livelihood. Originating and spreading slander can also carry consequences for those who participate in rumor-mongering. Our legal system provides civil, and in some cases, criminal penalties for spreading slander.

We commend those who have admitted to spreading rumors and who have apologized to the injured parties. They have set a good example for us all. And we thank those who came forward to offer support to our community members under attack.

When one member of our community is victimized by malicious gossip, we are all victimized. We also all paid the price of many hours of Police and Town Officials' time to resolve this recent incident. The Police gave generously of their time as they always do when called upon for emergencies, domestic matters and highway saefty. Police and Town Officials remain committed to protection for all members of our community, including protection from hateful harassment.

FINAL OVERRIDE VOTE ON AUG 13

The Selectboard and Finance Committee have decided to bring Question 1 (the $54,356 override for the town's general fund) back to the voters, because it failed at the June election by less than twenty votes. Questions 2, 3, and 4 will not be brought back to the voters, because they failed by significant margins. On August 13th, Question 1 will be divided into seven parts (schools, highways, govt., health, protection, properties, and library) so voters can consider funding each service separately. With the override approved, departments will receive the same number of dollars they received last year, which does not allow for inflation, raises or increases in fixed costs. Departments for which overrides are rejected will face cutbacks, and will have to curtail services.

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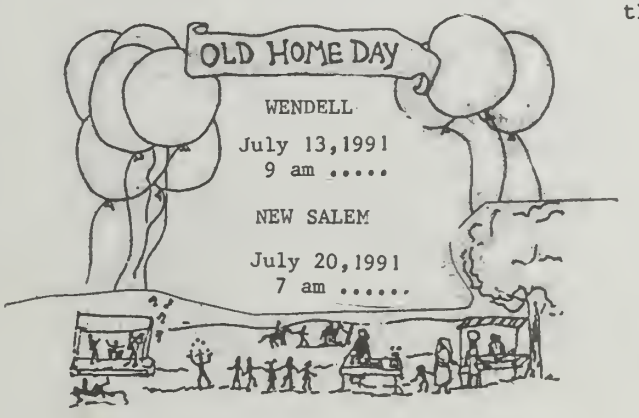
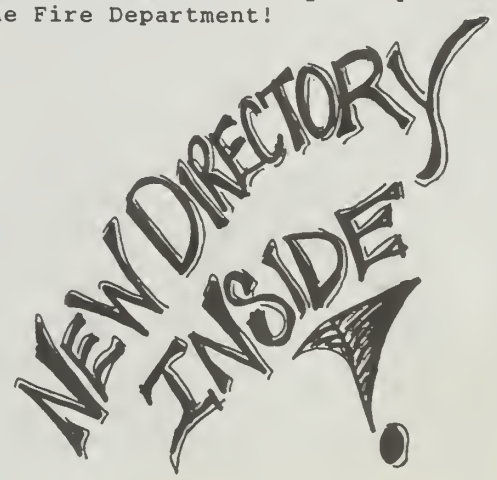


FIRE DEPARTMENT APPRECIATION AND RECRUITMENT MONTH

July is Fire Department Appreciation and Recruitment month in Wendell. This month we thank the active members of the department under the dedicated and knowledgeable leadership of Chief Everett Ricketts. An Open House at the Fire Station on Old Home Day proudly displayed our fire-fighting equipment in its new home. A tag sale began a fund raising effort for some new breathing apparatus.

Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Fire Department (at least 17 years of age, male or female) will be most welcome to visit the station and ask questions on July 27 from 9 a.m. to noon. Chief Ricketts will introduce techniques of fire-fighting and show a training film. Please consider joining this active and essential group of Wendell volunteers. Add your spark to the Fire Department!



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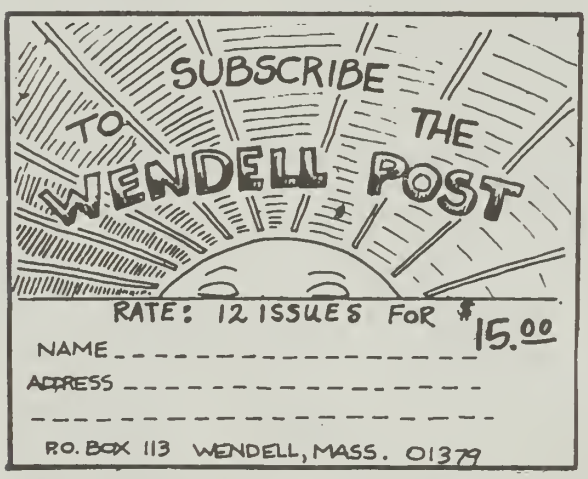

The original cover drawing, Bald Eagles at Barton Cove, is available for purchase. The drawing, in India ink on good quality paper, measures 5 X 11 inches. Interested persons should call Bob Ellis, who is very willing to discuss barter arrangements. He needs cordwood and lumber.

LETTERS

To Whom it May Concern,

It has recently come to my attention that there have been some derogatory and insulting rumors circulating in Wendell regarding two Wendell residents and their home. Upon hearing of this, I became quite concerned, and would like to address this situation.

Whomever is responsible for circulating these rumors is sadly misinformed. I have known those in question, Kuumba and Apollo for five years. In this period , I have been invited on numerous occasions for dinners, social gatherings, and holiday celebrations (such as Thanksgiving, New Years Day, and Christmas). Each of these visits has been a delightful experience. Kuumba and Apollo are gracious hosts, and always open their home with warmth and delicious food. I have met many kind, interesting, and articulate people there as well.

In addition to providing a warm and comfortable home, these Wendell residents offer a great service to the community in the educational opportunities that their home offers. They are skilled gardeners, wood workers, and crafts people. They offer their talents to all of those interested. Many people of all ages have benefitted greatly from their visits and observations of simple country living. I know of several people who have spent periods of several months living with Kuumba and Apollo, leaving with the skills necessary to build a home, start a small farm operation, or begin a small business.

Last summer, Kuumba and Apollo freely offered their time to neighborhood children, providing them with a rich and rewarding camp experience. I am a science teacher, and have worked in Massachusetts public schools for ten years. My observations of their teaching of children were very positive, in fact, better than most professional educators that I have seen.

I would like to conclude by saying that I firmly believe that Wendell benefits greatly by having these two residents and their wonderful home as a part of the community. I have never experienced anything but beauty, safety, decency, cleanliness, and a wonderful family environment at their home. I would be happy to speak to anyone who is in question of this, and strongly suggest that they visit this home to see for themselves. I am sure they would be graciously welcomed.

Sincerely,

Debbie Habib, M.S.T.

Resident of Leverett, Ma.

Dear Wendell Post.

One evening in May, I stood in front of the meeting house admiring a breathtaking crimson sunset. It made me realize how special this town is, geographically. While most towns snuggle in the valleys, our town boldly sits on the summit. It has taken character to survive the elements and the uphill climb home.

So Wendell is blessed with lovely views from many parts of town, and a strength of character all its own. I think this strength is reflected in the diverse people who make up this town.

Through the tension of the "Satanic Witch Hunt," the majority of folks I spoke to did not lose perspective, and treated it as the product of demented minds (a bad joke).

This town is big enough to tolerate hippies, gays, lesbians, rednecks, businessfolk, working stiffs, poor folk, rich folk, and demented witch hunters. It really is a big town and there is room for everyone.

See you at old home days,
Jake Groton
Montague Rd.

To the Editor

A dear friend of mine and a fine person in this Town was recently slandered, accused of obnoxious action. The rumors have a Salem Witch Hunt mentality and I am appalled at my fellow townspeople who have initiated and carried on such talk. My friend was wounded deeply by this fanatical gossip, and I strive to somehow find a way to help correct this injustice. Can it be lack of understanding between the more "conservative" people and the more "liberal" back-to-the-land people? If so, perhaps the best remedy is old-fashioned getting to know each other. We may find that we have a lot in common. The differences?, Aren't they what make us all interesting?

I now address those of you in Wendell who dislike, fear, don't understand us "new-agers", peace activists, we who choose volunteer poverty, gardening, composting our waste rather than the more socially acceptable 9-5 job, electrified home, and high-tech living. I will share my own story.

My life as a middle-class child, and later, wife of a well to do scientist living in the lap of comfortable suburbia, became more and more meaningless to me as I got older. I didn't like feeding my family herbicide, pesticide, chemical preservatives; I was (and am) scared to death of nuclear power; I felt guilty of overuse of our natural resources, and those of other countries; I felt that killing and bombing is not the best way to solve international disputes. I also felt that my physical life was becoming one of hypocrisy as I shopped in the supermarket, turned on the lightswitch, drove thousands of miles, and supported the military with my silence and my dollars.

My life evolved slowly towards one where I feel my ideals are now alive in my chosen life-style, one closer to our pioneer ancestors. I do not push my views on others, or expect anyone else to do anything other than what their own head and heart tells them what is right for them.

Are my views un-patriotic? I believe our soldiers have not fought for our flag. They have fought to protect the many freedoms of our country. I, as a peace activist, believe these freedoms include the freedom of speech, and the responsibility to change, amend, speak out about what I consider injustices in our system. If I do not, I am as guilty as the silent majority in many repressed countries.

I too am a conservative, in that I love this country and its constitution, its vision of the individual over "the State", and I wish to go back to and honor its hard-won freedoms.

I love Wendell and its diversity. I hope that my efforts to create better understanding will help heal its most recent wounds.

Susan DunLany

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AUG13, 1991 OVERRIDE WARRENT

Question 1: Shall the Town of Wendell be allowed to assess an additional $40,305 in real estate and personal property taxes for the operation of schools for the fiscal year beginning July first nineteen hundred and ninety-one?

Question 2: Shall the Town of Wendell be allowed to assess an additional $7,934 in real estate and personal property taxes for the operation of the highway department for the fiscal year beginning July first nineteen hundred and ninety-one?

Question 3: Shall the Town of Wendell be allowed to assess an additional $3,997 in real estate and personal property taxes for general government expenses for the fiscal year beginning July first nineteen hundred and ninety-one?

Question 4: Shall the Town of Wendell be allowed to assess an additional $181 in real estate and personal property taxes for health and sanitation for the fiscal year beginning July first nineteen hundred and ninety-one?

Question 5: Shall the Town of Wendell be allowed to assess an additional $714 in real estate and personal property taxes for protection for the fiscal year beginning July first nineteen hundred and ninety-one?

Question 6: Shall the Town of Wendell be allowed to assess an additional $522 in real estate and personal property taxes for maintenance of Town properties for the fiscal year beginning July first nineteen hundred and ninety-one?

Question 7: Shall the Town of Wendell be allowed to assess an additional $703 in real estate and personal property taxes for the operation of the Wendell Library for fiscal year beginning July first nineteen hundred and ninety-one?

Need a hospital?

You don't have to go to Northampton or Greenfield. If you dismiss the Athol Memorial Hospital out of hand, you're missing out on a chance to utilize and support a vital community institution, where quality health care is provided by dedicated employees. And consider this: for most residents of Wendell, Athol Memorial is the nearest hospital.

Need a doctor?

You don't have to go to Amherst, Northampton or Greenfield. Find out about MDs practicing in Athol and Orange, including specialists in many fields who conduct regular clinics in the AMH Medical Arts Building. Call Allen Young, director of public relations, 249-3511, Ext. 143.

Athol Memorial Hospital

★ VOTER REGISTRATION ★

July 24, 1991 is the last day for voter registration for the August 13, 1991 override election. Individuals may registerto vote with Town Clerk Anny Hartjens at the Wendell Depot Store and Post Office until July 24th. As required by Massachusetts law, special voter registration days will be held on Saturday, July 20th and Wednesday, July 24th. On the 20th, Town Clerk Hartjens will hold voter registration in her home on Wendell Depot Road from noon until 8 p.m. On the 24th, registration will be as follows:

* Wendell Depot Store and Post Office 9-11 a.m. and 2:30-6 p.m.
* Town Clerk Hartjen's Home 6-10 p.m.
* Wendell Town Offices (former pre-school building) Town Center - see Janice Barrett 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

BUDGET CUTS AT WENDELL STATE FOREST

In a telephone interview, the chief Forester at the head-quarters of W.S.F., Charles Alden related that hours, services and staff have been drastically cut.

Formerly the park was open every day of the week, now it is closed all day Wednesday and Thursday. Monday, Tuesday and Friday it is open 8-4. Saturday and Sunday 10-5:30. On staff, there are only two men and no extra summer help, not even life guards (patrons swimming in the unguarded pond do so at their own risk.) Formerly there was a life guard on duty and two or three extra men to help administer the facility.

Of course they will do as well as they can under the circumstances, but the budget cuts will eventually take their toll. No new equipment can be bought and while the actual forest may not seem to be immediately affected, over time maintenance will suffer. An emergency, such as a summer forest fire, would necessitate calling the fire unit from Erving, where the staff has also been cut. Men might be called from further afield and response to such an emergency could be slow.

It is difficult to assess the long-term effects, especially since we don't know whether any or all budget cuts will ever be restored: for the present the public will notice cuts in service, but the consequential cuts in maintenance and the results of lowered morale won't be immediately visible.

Respectfully submitted

Charles Thompson Smith

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THE STATE AS A TAXPAYER

In March, the Selectboard began organizing a grassroots effort to restore in-lieu-of-taxes payments for small towns with large tracts of state-owned forest lands. Inspired by State Senator Robert Wetmore's legislation, S. 911, which proposes to fund the payments through the establishment of a forest products trust fund, the Wendell Selectboard contacted the Selectboards of Warwick, Hawley and Colrain to ask them to co-sign a letter to 55 communities in the Commonwealth with large tracts of state forest lands urging the communitites to express their support for the legislation.

To date, we have received word that Otis, Phillipston, Charlemont, Belchertown and Freetown have contacted members of the Joint Committee on Natural Resources and Agriculture (the committee currently reviewing the bill) to express their strong support for some type of payment for communities with state-owned lands.

In a letter dated May 1, 1991, the Wendell Selectboard explained our situation: "Since 1988, when "Loss of Taxes, State Owned Land" was consolidated into "Additional Assistance" on the Cherry Sheet [the state notification of estimated state aid for the upcoming fiscal year] our reimbursement for state-owned land has drastically declined.

"In 1981, the Town of Wendell recieved $113,715 in Loss of Taxes, State Owned Land and Additional Assistance; $113,715 is equivilent to $178,532 today, when adjusted for inflation.

"Based on the House budget proposed for Fiscal Year 1992, the Massachusetts Municipal Association has estimated that we will receive $32,131 in Additional Assistance — a reduction of $81,584 or 72% ($146,401 or 82% using Consumer Price Index inflation adjusted figures).

"We are faced with these reductions in state support of their lands despite increases in the size of forest lands in Wendell. In the last 5 years alone, the state has acquired more than 1,000 acres of and in Wendell.

"Roughly 50% of the land area in Wendell is non-taxable conservation land, yet Additional Assistance, the state's effort to replace the lost taxes on their holdings, represents less than 4% of our total projected revenues for FY92.

"Although we are receiving virtually no support for town-provided services — road maintenance, police and fire protection — the state is placing increasing demands on these systems.

"Development pressures of the eighties and the recent closings of municipal recreation facilities in the area has led to the increased usage of state forests and parks. Last year, the Department of Environmental Management reported 19,540 visitors to the Wendell State Forest. These visitors used our roads and relied on our public safety departments for protection during their visits to the state forest lands.

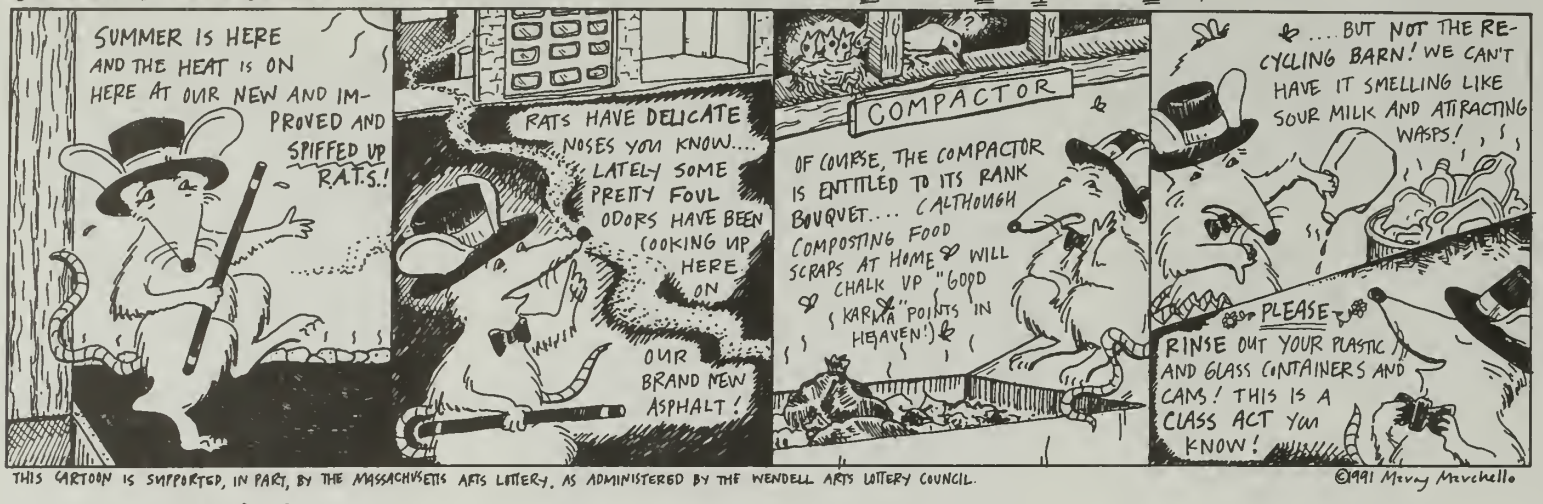
"We can no longer afford to support these services (or any other municipal services) without state support of their forest lands..."

In response to the Selectboard's effort, Senator Wetmore is currently organizing a public hearing for the legislation to be held at the Franklin County Courthouse in Greenfield on July 10 at 7:00 p.m.

The Selectboard encourages everyone to call our local legislators, Senator Wetmore, 617-722-1540, and Representative Carmen Buell, 617-722-2130, to express the needs of our small community.

Selectboard member Anne Zak, 544-6801, may be contacted for additional information about this important legislation.

Kathleen Ramsay



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PROTECTING OPEN SPACE

At the Town election on May 6th, a misleading and un-publicized non-binding referendum question was on the ballot. This was question 3 which asked, "Do you approve of a 5-year moratorium on removing land from the tax rolls?" The proposers of this question refused to include an explanation of the consequences of voting for Question 3 on the ballot, so I'm providing one now.

At first glance the answer to question 3 should surely be 'yes.' It would appear that keeping land on the tax rolls would make everyone's taxes lower than if no taxes were being paid on this land. If it were possible to keep land on the tax rolls without developing it, this would be true. However land which is not permanently protected will eventually be developed, as anyone can see by examining the suburbs around any metropolitan area.

Many studies have shown that protecting open space costs less in taxes than allowing the land to be developed. In particular a study done for Wendell (which can be seen at the Town offices) shows that, because the taxes on the houses do not pay for the expenses they generate, taxes would be much lower if land were permanently protected than if it were developed.

In three townwide surveys, the people of Wendell have indicated by a large majority that they like the Town the way it is and don't want it to change. But development means change as we can see by the changes going on all around us.

Each acre of land which is permanently protected is land which can't be developed and therefore lessens the amount of change which can occur.

Thus, permanent protection of open space (and consequent removal of land from the tax rolls) simultaneously serves two purposes which most people would consider to be desirable goals. It keeps taxes lower and it minimizes changes to the Town.

Furthermore, everyone knows that an area with lots of open space provides a healthier environment for people and wildlife than does an area which is heavily developed. In fact that is why many of us have come to Wendell.

For all these reasons sensible people should try to encourage the protection of open space rather than attempting to prevent it, as question 3 does. Protecting open space is difficult enough without imposing further restraints upon it.

Ina and Mason Phelps

WENDELL POSITIVE ACTION COMMITTEE BRINGS BACK MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM

Sunday, May 26 at 1:00 P.M., Wendell's Town Common once again came alive to a Memorial Day Program after many many years of absence from this small community.

The parade marched to music provided by Phil King of Athol. Patrick Kelly, a recently returned Desert Storm soldier, was asked to honor the celebration by carrying the lead flag in the parade. Colors from the American Legion of Orange and Athol; VFW of Orange; VFW and Women's Auxiliary of Shelburne; Wendell/New Salem Boy Scout Troop 344; and many of the townspeople contributed to the huge success of this parade. At the Wendell Veterans Memorial (in front of Town Library), an invocation was said by Salvation Army Lt. Perks; laurel wreaths (made by Claire Paddock of Wendell) were placed on the Veterans memorial stones; a nine gun salute and echo taps were provided by the American Legion of Orange and Athol; and the flag was raised by two Troop 344 scouts.

The parade proceeded to the Town Common flag pole at which "Colonel Logan's General Orders" were read; the "Gettysburg Address" was movingly narrated by Cain Blackbird, a member of Wendell/New Salem Boy Scout Troop 344; and the poem "Flanders Field" was recited by Kristina Hartjens, a Maher High School student from Wendell; several boys and girls placed flags on the veterans' graves at the Town Cemetery; the benediction was then given by Salvation Army Lt. Perks; the flag, donated by the Powling Family of Wendell which hadn't been unfolded since it was presented to the Powling family at the funeral services of Lewis Powling, was raised by two more Wendell/New Salem Troop 344 scouts; and again a nine gun salute and echo taps were presented.

At the end of this smashingly successful return of the Memorial Day Program in which there were more than 150 participants, everyone was invited to share in refreshments, which were provided by the sponsors of this event, the Wendell Positive Action Committee.

Jean Hebert

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NOTICE

BURNING SOLID WASTE IS ILLEGAL

All residents are reminded that household waste is to be taken to the Wendell Recycling and Transfer Station for disposal or to be recycled. Wendell Selectboard

LIBRARY NEWS

Who has the Wendell Free Library Historical Papers? It's a notebook with handwritten accounts of life in Wendell circa 1919-1938. It has been missing from the library for years. My hunch is it has accidentally gotten filed away with someone's personal books, or perhaps even packed away in an attic. Should you discover that you have it please do not be shy about bringing it in. Its return would be joyously celebrated. (This holds true for any other library materials you may come across.)

As the library becomes busier, we are finding it necessary to continue to tighten up on our loaning policies. We ask that you return materials on time or renew them. Renewals can be made by phone during regu lar library hours. (Phone: 544-3559) Please respond in some way to any overdue notices you may receive. As of this month a formal billing process will be instituted for all materials 3 months overdue.

In addition to a steady trickle of outstanding donations the library has very recently purchased a large number of new titles. Areas of concentration for adults include gardening, parenting, and mysteries; for young kids, folktales and some musical tapes; for older kids, Native American stories and science experiments; and for everybody, thanks to a HUD grant, and the Wendell Recycling Committee lots of materials on the environment. It would be worth a trip in to check out what we've got.

Finally, we are looking for new members to the "library club". Anyone from 6th grade through senior citizen who has a couple of hours of time a week to donate and is interested in library work would find their help greatly appreciated. With the growing popularity of the library, along with possible budget cuts, we are more dependent than ever on volunteers to keep the library running smoothly.

P.S. . . . Keep an eye out for the announcement of a copy machine at the library for public use. The machine is a donation from the Palmer Public library.. We hope to have it available for use for approximately 10 cents per copy by the end of summer.

Rosie Heidkamp

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4 acres -4/25/91 Locks Hill Rd.

Paul & Shirley C. LaCombe to Walter L. Regnier & Cindy Waterman
4.118 acres & bldgs. -4/26/91 Locks Hill Rd.

• POLICE LOG •

5/19 Harry Roslgnol, Kentfield Rd., Died at home.

5/24 Darla Nielson, White mountain bike stolen from house.

6/3 Daria Nielson, Reported sideswiped by another vehicle on way to country store.

6/10 B&E - Lynn Reddy residence on Farley Rd., VCR/Stereo equlpment/telephone equlpment taken.

6/10 Motor vehicle broken into - scanner taken.

6/13 Sarah Kohler - Farley Rd. small 2- wheel bicycle stolen ln front of house.

FIRE LOG

4/22 Locke Hill and Locke Vllage, Burning tree.

4/26 Brush fire - New Salem Rd.

4/28 Lockes Village Rd., Illegal camp fire.

5/4 Wendell Depot Rd., Grass flre.

5/17 Mormon Hollow Rd., D&B Enterprlse, Debrls flre.

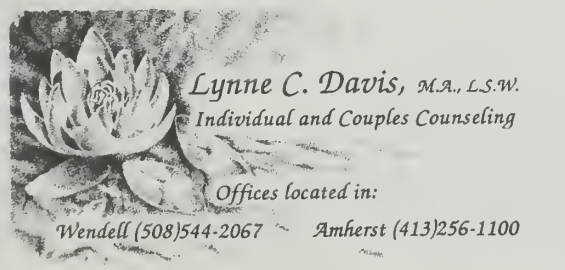
4-H CAMP

Camp Howe is a camp for all Youth, celebrating diversity and multicultural awareness. Offering a day as well as a residential program for 7 to 16 year olds, the camp intergrates physically challenged campers into the regular program. The staff is multicultural and international, with counselors from Australia and Hungary.

One week sessions begin July 7, 1991 and continue through August 16. Places are open in all sessions, and scholarships are available.

The camp is located by Highland Lake in the western Massachusettes hilltown of Goshen. Activities include swimming and canoeing, horseback riding, ecology/nature, performing arts, arts and crafts, photography, hiking, a ropes course. Teens have their own program, including overnights, tubing on the Deerfield River, and more. All ages have varied opportunities to enjoy and appreciate the diversity of nature and each other.

If you are interested in having your young people come to Camp Howe, Call 413 268 7635, or Al Diemand 544-3806, or write P.O. Box 326, Goshen MA 01032.



POLICE REQUEST HELP

People don't like to take down license plates of strange cars in their neighborhood..."until it's their house that's robbed," said Ed Chase, chief of police, but that would help solve crimes when they happen.

In a recent night, a home on Farley Road was robbed of several expensive items including a stereo, telephone, VCR, and a scanner taken from a car parked elsewhere on the same road. A month earlier, a photographer for the Greenfield Recorder lost all his photographic equipment at the Wickett Pond launch area.

PHILATELISTS' ALERT

Helping to celebrate the United States Postal Service's 20th birthday on July 1st, members of Wendell's Stamp Collecting Club [SCC] Ananda Babineau, Nathan Boland, Sarah Stamell, and Kyle Gilman have placed a collection box in the lobby of the Wendell Post Office. Postmaster, Charles O'Dowd, has asked "Residents, with pen pals and relatives abroad, to save and share their cancelled stamps from foreign countries [or recycle their old U.S. stamps] for the appreciative young collectors in the Stamp Club."

Charles O'Dowd
PRESS RELEASE
Leverett Crafts & Arts
Leverett, MA 01054
413-548-9070

"BY INVITATION ONLY" is an exhibit of invitations designed by Peggy H. Davis, a resident artist at Leverett Crafts & Arts, July 3-29. The wedding, bat/bar mitzvah and party invitations incorporate Yiddish, Hebrew, Russian and English in the text and cover or border designs.

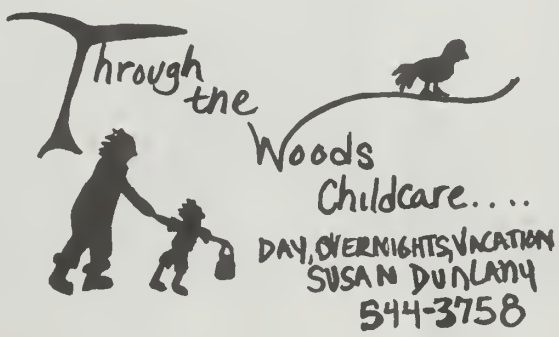
Other work by the artist related to these special events will also be on display, such as a ketubah [an illuminated Jewish marriage contract], and a personalized guest book frontispiece. Her collection of prints based on Hebrew quotations and texts is for sale in the LCA shop.

Ms. Davis has worked as a calligrapher and graphic artist for the past 12 years. She has studies English calligraphy with a number of nationally-known teachers and studied Hebrew lettering with Ismar David in New York. She is available by appointment to discuss invitation commissions at 413-624-3204.

Leverett Crafts & Arts is located on Montague Road in Leverett Center, near Route 63. LCA hours are 12-5, Tuesday through Sunday, phone 413-548-9070.

Valley Community Music School
Greenfield Community College
Greenfield, Ma 01301
Mary Kay Hoffman
339-5590

The Valley Community Music School is seeking donations of new and used musical instruments of all types for its first annual Musical Instrument Sale, Sept. 14, 1991 at the Gulding Star Grange in Greenfield. Instruments may be given to the VCMS or may be consigned to the school to be sold at the sale. Profits from the sale will benefit the scholarship fund of the VCMS. The VCMS will charge a 25% commission on all consigned sales.



UPDATE ON THE MEETING HOUSE

A short while ago a letter went out to local folk which described our vision for the Meetinghouse as a cultural/spiritual center. The dream is coming alive! Fresh paint, hard work, love and the energy of some beautiful people have made this old building a bustling center of activity. There is still much to be done and money, labor and love are still needed. We would love to have you share your energy with us in any way you can. If you would like to teach a class, schedule an event, hold a meeting etc., please call me at 544-6850 (keep trying)

Schedule Update

Sun.	10 a.m.	Christian Worship
Mon.	9:30	Yoga with Ron Mech
	1-2	Dance (kids under 5) with Angie
	2-3	Dance (kids 6 & over) with Angie
Tues.	8:30-3:30	Summer day camp
Wed.	8:30-3:30	Summer day camp
	6-8 p.m.	Drum class with Ade'
Thur.	8:30-3:30	Summer day camp
	3:30-?	Tumbling (adult) with Susanah
Fri.	1-2	Dance (under 5 yrs.)
	2-3	Dance (over 6 yrs.)
	4:30-5:30	Dance & exercise (kids) with Kuumba
	6:30-8:00	Dance & exercise (adults) with Kuumba

PEACE DAY

Sunday, August 4th Wendell will hold it's first annual PEACE DAY. The goal is to generate ideas and inspiration for a sustainable peace on individual, family, national, and global levels that we can take with into our daily lives to help create a day of peace everyday for everyone everywhere.

Proposed events include sunrise and sunset meditations, a peace walk, a gigantic gourmet potluck picnic (bring food to share and your own eating utensils), music, singing, Sufi dancing, yoga workshop, goods go round, produce swap, exhibits and demonstrations, slides, and videos, mime and theater, storytelling etc., etc.

Any ideas? Would you like to help make this a memorable event? Call Rosalie at 544-6850, Ann Zack at 544-6801, Annie Hartjens at 544-6052, Charles Smith at 544-6933, or drop a note with Charlie at the Post office. See you there.

Till then PEACE

LILACS AT THE W.R.A.T.S. (?)

Have a favorite perennial you'd like to donate to the Wendell Recycling Center? We could use some good ones to fill out our landscape around the buildings and along edges. Bring 'em on down! September is a good time to begin transplanting.

Carlen Adams Rigrod

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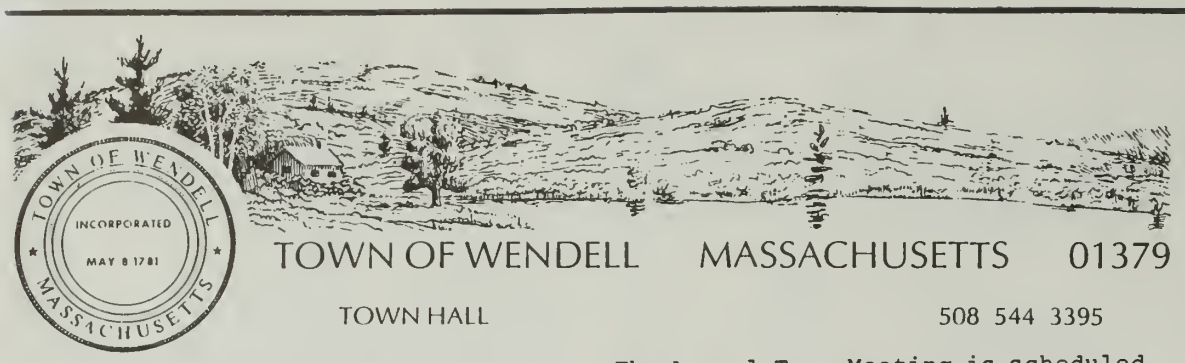

TOWN OF WENDELL MASSACHUSETTS 01379

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Wendell Selectboard Meeting
May 7, 1991
Minutes

Meeting Convened 7:oopm
Members Present: Margo Culley, Anne Zak, Ted Lewis
Minutes read and approved/Correspondence reviewed/Warrants signed

Positive Action Committee attended the meeting to discuss the Memorial Day Services scheduled for May 26, 1991. A parade will start at 1:00pm at the Town Hall and proceed to the Veteran's Memorial at the Library. The flag will be raised from half mast to full. There will be two 9 gun salutes, a pledge of allegiance to the flag and the National Anthem will be sung. Only children (Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts) will be allowed on the cemetery grounds and the minister who will say a prayer. Light refreshments will be served at the Town Hall after the services. The Board waived the usual fee for the use of the Town Hall.

Removal and disposal of the deserted trailer on Wendell Depot Road:
David Wilder was asked to handle the removal and disposal of said trailer. He reported that after a public hearing, a posting by the Conservation Commission; and after he receives a permit from the building inspector he will remove it and deliver it to Dean Bennett for disposal. Mr. Wilder's cost will be $1800.00 and this will include filling in the foundation and the well with sand. Mr. Wilder will do the well immediately as it has only a plywood cover and is a potential danger to youngsters.

The Board has scheduled a meeting with the Fire Department on May 20, 1991 at 7:00pm at the Wendell Firehouse.

There will be a meeting on June 6, 1991 to be held at the Greenfield Community College of the Joint Committee of Agriculture and Natural Resources. Anne Zak and Kathleen Ramsey have been active in attempting to get payment from the state in lieu of taxes. Anne Zak has been in contact with Ruth Flaherty from Senator Wetmore's office.

The week of May 12 to May 18 has been set aside as Emergency Medical Week. Wendell will honor Kathy Becker during this week.

A Pre-town meeting is scheduled for May 28, 1991 at 7:30pm at the Town Hall.

The Annual Town Meeting is scheduled for June 3,5, and 6 1991 at 7:00pm.

On May 14,1991 the Selectboard will meet at 6:30pm for an executive meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.

May 14, 1991
Minutes

Meeting convened - 7:00 P.M.
Members present - Anne Zak, Margo Culley, Ted Lewis
Minutes read and approved/ Correspondence reviewed/ Warrants signed

Meeting recessed - 7:15pm. Selectboard went into Executive Session at 7:20pm in order to discuss a topic of a sensitive nature and to protect the privacy of those involved.

Meeting reconvened at 8:15pm

Joe Diemand came before the Board with a request they, the Board, contact Teddy Descavich or Dean Bennett with any questions they might have in the near future re: the landfill or the real estate (Merchant property 20 acres) Mr. Diemand plans to be away for awhile for personal reasons.

Parker Cleveland attended the meeting long enough to request the Board look into his diminished vacation time from his job at the WRATS.

David Walsh attended the Board meeting as a representative of the Board of Health. Mr. Walsh requested the Board to back the Board of health in its decision to cut the benefits of some workers in an effort to gain equality for all four workers at the WRATS. The Selectboard voted to back the Board of Health in policy making and granted them the authority to give everyone working at the WRATS permanent part time status.
A letter will be sent to the Town Clerk with a copy of rules pertaining to 90 days notification to the Selectboard re: non-binding or binding questions on Ballots.

Nina Keller requested non-binding questions re: Recontek be placed on the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting. She intends to do a presentation at that time so people will have a better understanding of the facts.

Finance Committee - Dan Keller suggested the people be given a dollar figure to be used with the present real estate evaluation so they can estimate a tax cost for FY91 since it does not seem likely the state will have completed Wendell's tax rate at the time of the Annual Town Meeting.

The Board voted to o.k. Anne Perkins' request to contact Atty. Donna MacNicKel re: certain bldg. lots. Mr. Gates whom Ms. Perkins first contacted about this has a conflict of interests since he also represents one of the landowners.

The Board members voted to write a proclamation at the request of the Franklin County Committee for Welcome Home Day for Veterans.

The Board received two tickets to the Mahar Graduation Ceremony.

Selectman, Ted Lewis wrote to the Orange Selectboard re: repairs on the Wendell Depot Bridge.

The Board voted the Annual Town Meeting will be held on June 3 - 6 - 7 at 7:00pm at the Town Hall.

An informational Pre-town meeting will be held on May 28, 1991 at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall.

The first override vote is scheduled for June 25, 1991.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 pm.

May 21,1991
Minutes

Meeting convened at 7:00 pm, All members present
Minutes read approved/Correspondence reviewed/Warrants signed

Anney Hartjens attended the meeting to defend the method in which she has in the past processed Ballot questions. Board members requested a thirty day review period of all Ballot questions in future. Ms. Hartjens agreed to notify the Board of any ballot questions as soon as possible.
The ballot question, referred to in the above, was the third question on the ballot regarding land in Wendell which has been placed in conservation and which affects the town's tax rate because it is in a tax free status.
Judith Wilder also attended the meeting, in this regard, and she will organize a committee to look into the tax free land issue.

Judy Pratt, Library Trustee, attended the meeting to remind the Board members of the drainage problem at the Library. The Library flooded two years ago and no repairs have taken place. The Board will inform Danny Bacigalupo as soon as possible.

Cheryl Richardson attended the meeting to request repairs be made to pot holes on Locke Hill Road #2.

A Pole Hearing for New Salem Road and Jennison Road is set for Tues.,June 18, 1991 at 7:00pm.

Building Inspector Inquiry - Anne Zak will write a letter to James W. Igoe, Supervisor of Public Records, after speaking with Anne Perkins.

Board members requested K. Ramsey write a letter of thanks to D&B for not billing the Town for the disposal of the mobile home on Wendell Depot Rd.

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Fin Com - Special needs (from pg. 8)
The Board reported the need for funds for the 1976 Fire truck which needs a new clutch.
Money for the removal of the mobile home on Wendell Depot Rd.
Veterans Fund.

Dates set for future happenings:
June 25, 1991 override vote
June 27, 1991 Special Town

Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm

June 11, 1991
Minutes

Meeting Convened - 7:00pm/All Board members present
Minutes read and approved/ Correspondence reviewed/Warrants signed

Board members signed notes for short term loans (one roll over and one new one - $350,000, combined).

A Superior Court Hearing re: State funds in lieu of taxes (forest land) is scheduled for July 10, 1991.

Board members agreed an override committee be formed and notices be posted stating intent of Town Officials and Fin Com members to support the $54,000. Override. It was agreed a sample ballot with explicit explanations will be posted prior to Election Day.

A Planning Board Meeting to review new applicants is scheduled for June 18, 1991.

MSPCA will be notified re: goats found dead on a local citizen's property.

Gerald Wetherby will be notified re: repairs to stoves in Wendell Town Hall.

Street numbering - Anne Zak suggested volunteers be sought and a committee be formed to assist in the street numbering task.

Ken Richards of Rush Rd. sent a letter to the Board requesting an opening in town land for accessibility to his property. The Board will have it surveyed and present a plan to the town at Town Meeting . Mr. Richards must have a petition signed.

Licensing for Tinkers repairs at WRATS - refer to letter from John Gates, Town Councilor.

Override - A letter will be posted informing the public of the decision of both Fin Com and the Selectboard to back the $54,000. override.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm

June 18, 1991
Minutes

Meeting convened - 7:00 pm/All Board members present
Minutes read and approved/Correspondence reviewed/Warrants signed

Pole Hearing - the Board approved the placement of two electric poles at the intersections of Jennison and New Salem Roads.

Cutback Asphalt Bid Opening - one bid from All States Asphalt of Sunderland was received - $1.14/gallon for approximately 13,000 gallons.

Mez Davis re: usage of Town Hall - the Board is working on a compromise fee schedule for multi-day use of the Town Hall for profit making arts program. Mez will draw up a proposal and submit it to the Board.

Eileen Savageau requested the Board have the speed limit reduced between Maple Valley School and the Wendell Country Store. The Board informed Ms. Savageau that the state sets the speed limit on paved roads and that the town requested them to reduce the speed limit last year but had no response. Ms. Ramsey will write the DPW in an attempt to locate the proper contact person for speed limits. She will dra ft another letter with this request and will also inform Ms. Savageau of the name of the contact person.

Summer schedule for the Selectboard meetings - The
Board will meet every other week for the summer months. Meetings will be held on July 2,16, 30 and August 13, 27.

Shared Administrative Assistant Contract - The Board signed an MOU with New Salem re: their agreement to share the services of the Administrative Assistant.

ZBA resignation - Janet Burstein submitted her resignation from the Zoning Board of Appeals.

The Board discussed the dissemination of information re: override vote on June 25, 1991

A meeting with the Planning Board is scheduled for July 2, 1991 at 8:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm
Respectfully submitted
Elizabeth Scully
Selectboard Clerk

TOWN WISH LIST

Folks say they would be happy to donate time and materials they may have to the Town to save Town funds and reduce the tax rate.

Here is our wish list:
- new fire fighters
- a mailbox for the Town Offices
- window quilts for Town Offices

If you are interested in fulfilling any of these wishes, please contact any member of the Selectboard.

VOLUNTEER!

Vacancy for Wendell Citizen to fill or the Franklin County Solid Waste District Management Committee

Currently the Town of Wendell is unrepresented on the Solid Waste Dist. Committee. No experience is needed, but an interest in the environment is helpful. Here's a chance to help the Town. Every one of the 20 Towns in the District is supposed to have a representative on the Committee.

Solid Waste Disposal is one of the pressing environmental problems of today. This committee is planning for our future, seeking to find alternatives to land-filling and to incineration. Their Big Project now underway is composting. Meanwhile they try to get the best deals for trash disposal.

Anyone interested can contact Don Chappell at 544-6106. He is willing to help train someone to fill this position. The Committee meets twice a month at the County Court House in Greenfield. Additionally the representative keeps the Select Board informed of the work of the Committee. Alternatively, an interested person can contact the Wendell Select Board.

Respectfully submitted,
Charles Thompson Smith

NOTES FROM PAC

Our first Memorial Day ceremony was a success. Please see article we submitted to the Post for details. We wish to thank all who came and especially those who were involved in the planning.

The committee also has sponsored the sprucing up of the Veterans Memorial in front of the Wendell Library. Veterans' flags are flown from this memorial on holidays. We have honored the family of Lewis Powling on Memorial Day by flying the flag that was given to his family at his death. We have honored the family of Francis Wetherby by flying his flag on Flag Day. We plan to do this monthly and would appreciate anyone contacting us regarding flags from the town's veterans that would like to be honored in this manner.

A special thank you to Apollo and friend - they saved the day this last week by climbing up the Veterans Memorial Flagpole to rescue the end of the rope.

see related story page 4

"QUOTABLE QUOTES"

Recent experiences in Town have shown me that there are some in Town unwilling to tolerate other perspectives on any number of subject matter. Free speech appears to be something to die for but not to live by.
I was reminded of the above when I read a statement from an artist named Roeshenberg: "If you think you know what you are looking at while you are looking at it, then you don't even have to be there."

Floyd Borakove

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MAKING IT IN WENDELL

Long time residents of town have different reactions to these financially demanding times. Josephine McAvoy watches town happenings with great interest, offering her typical humorous observations. She cares a great deal about Wendell and the people in it, so her judgements are straight forward but affectionate. She sees a pattern in our efforts. "You people are doing what we did when we first came to town. If things needed doing, we'd volunteer. All the work was done by volunteers. The things we used to have! When the Grange needed something, we'd all volunteer. We were on the School Committee. Lydia Ellis and I, on these hot nights we'd go to school and scrape desks. We'd bring food. The men liked my pies, lemon meringue. The way things are going, I think this town is having to volunteer for most everything. But people have to be asked. Maybe they'd like to volunteer, but they don't know if they'll be accepted."

The project in town that most affects Mrs. McAvoy is the Senior Center. "Do you realize how many people use the Senior Center?" As the long time residents have aged, they have not stopped their habits of volunteering. Now this group of friends, many who are age 80 or so, have banded together to help each other live in this somewhat isolated rural community. Transportation remains a big issue. Lucille Lewis has been the driver for many of her friends, but her recent injury put a stop to that. "Elsie Diemand as a rule transports many. We all keep in touch through the Senior Center. Elsie Diemand has done more for this town than anyone I know, but I never see her name in this paper! If not for Elsie Diemand, we wouldn't have all these things, she keeps things together. Elsie always says, "Now gather 'round," because she has a slow quiet voice, and many of us can't hear well. At the Senior Center, we are doing what you younger ones are doing in the rest of town. But we have to have money, and we raise it in many ways, with the help of many people. But now some of these volunteers aren't well enough to come."

Mrs. McAvoy went on to describe carefully the make up of the Senior Center, managed by a group more well known as The Golden Agers. Elsie Diemand is the President, Mary Fairbrothers is Vice President, Elizabeth Sculley is Treasurer, and Virginia Wheeler is Secretary. In conjunction with this group is the Council of Aging, of which Elsie is also Prez. "Ray Avery, he's the Council of Aging!" Jessie Wetherby is the Treasurer.

The Merry Macs, the MacKenzies, are also involved.

This story tells about how some of us cope. It is striking how fragile a system our community is. As Mrs. McAvoy says, "The things we have all depend on the people."

Kathy Becker

MAPLE VALLEY SCHOOL STUDENTS OFFER FREE SERVICES TO ELDERLY

This summer, Lake Grove Maple School's students and staff will be offering free lawn/yard care services to senior citizens of the surrounding communities.

Over the past years, the students of Lake Grove Maple Valley have benefitted greatly from the recreational and vocational opportunities made available to them by local communities and businesses. As a means of showing our appreciation and providing assistance in a time of financial cuts, we are offering our services. A crew of Lake Grove Maple Valley students and staff will be available from July 8th through August 23rd, Monday through Friday to provide ongoing or one time assistance. Work projects may include regular lawn and garden care or short term projects such as splitting and stacking of wood, brush removal, cleaning garages or barns, etc.

Lake Grove Maple Valley will provide the work crews and the equipment. All you need to do is contact us. We are currently scheduling our work, so if you or someone you know, has some projects that need to get done, get in touch with us now. You can make inquiries by writing: Lake Grove Maple Valley School, P.O. Box 767, Wendell, MA 01379, c/o Bob Parrell or by calling directly: Bob Parrell at (508) 544-6913

SENIOR CENTER NEWS

Carpenter request - If anyone has abilities in carpentry and would like to help the Positive Action Committee do some repair work in the Senior Center we would appreciate a call. People to contact are Anny (544-6052), claire (544-6461) or Judy(544-2773). Thank you for your support.

The Council On Aging had the regular monthly Blood Pressure Screening on June 5th. 21 persons attended. Remember this is for all Wendell residents. Pass the word along.

On May 29 there was a choiesterol Screening. 25 persons were present. This, too, is for all Wendell residents.

Old Home Day is Saturday July 13. The Golden Agers and Senior Citizens are busy preparing for the gala day. Golden Agers will have a booth as usual. Already tickets are being sold for a generous food basket and a beautiful quilt made by Mary Fairbrother. Got yours yet? They may be obtained from any Senior Citizen or Golden Ager, and at the Wendell Depot Store.

The Council on Aging will sponsor a Blood Pressure Screening on that day. This will be administered by local Registered Nurses who are donating their services. Drop by and see us.

The Senior Center will be open every Wednesday from 1:30 - 3:30 for a friendly get together and social time. We welcome your ideas of what you would enjoy doing.

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INSTRUMENT SALE

The Valley Community Music School is a cooperative effort of Greenfield Community College, the Arts Council of Franklin County, Pioneer Valley Symphony, Music in Deerfield and Mohawk Trail Concerts. During its first year of operation, the VCMS awarded nearly $2000 in scholarship/financial aid. Organizers of the Musical Instrument Sale hope to raise $5000 for scholarship/aid.

Instruments in working order are preferred, but others will also be accepted. Donated instruments may be dropped off at the Arts Council, 7 Franklin St., Greenfield, Tuesday - Friday, 10am to 4pm from now until July 15. The VCMS will also pick up donated instruments. To arrange this, call 624-5569 days or 339-5590 evenings. In addition, reservations for instruments to be consigned to the sale are being taken now by calling 339-5590. Consigned instruments may be dropped off or picked up the two weeks prior to the sale.

All instruments, including pianos, are sought. Also, music stands, sheet music, amplifiers, records and tapes will be accepted.

JAMES BAY, THE CREE AND YOU

"Until 1975, the Cree people of northern Quebec, Canada, led an isolated, self-sufficient life." So begins an article on the problem of "Hydroelectricity vs. the Cree in James Bay, Canada" by Carol Cornelius Mohawk, an article which carefully and clearly details the hydroelectricity fiasco in James Bay.

The Cree have lived in James Bay for millennia, where the land and riverways have been the source of fish, used for food and income. Flooding James Bay was supposed to produce cheap, clean electricity. The Canadian government promised to pay the Indians $225 million and to guarantee hunting and fishing rights. The government officials also promised improved housing, health services, and water and sewage systems, in exchange for the Cree land. However, the environmental assessment for this project was never completed.

The first phase of construction created 11,000 KM^2 of reservoirs. These are now highly contaminated with poisonous mercury from underlying bedrock. This contamination has poisoned tribal drinking water, forcing the Cree to import or boil all water for drinking and cooking. This and broken government promises to improve health services have compounded the health problems of the Cree. The contamination level is nine times the federal limit. An additional 33 dams are proposed for the hundreds of miles of rivers which feed James Bay. Tuberculosis within the tribe reached epidemic proportions in the 1980s. The epidemic was controlled by using monies targeted for improving the Cree economic condition, leaving little economic base for this hunter-gatherer tribe.

What does this mess have to do with readers of the Wendell Post? Hydro-Quebec is a Canadian-based multi-national corporation involved in many enterprises including the production and sale of hydro-electric energy to utility companies.

The electrical power you and I receive today, in our homes, in our offices or in our schools, throughout New England is probably delivered to our local utility company by Hydro-Quebec. By purchasing power from Hydro-Quebec, we voice our approval of the destruction of the James Bay area and Cree self-sufficiency.

You can voice your opposition by making phone calls or writing letters to your Congressman or Representative, or to your local utility company or to your favorite newspaper editor.

Jean S. Forward & Beth Erviti

RECORDING STUDIO BUSY

One of the most active musical locations is still our own Wendell Recording Studios, owned by Jeffrey and Judith Anne [Judy] Bauman. At a recent check, three album projects were going on at the studio. Laura Anderson Wood was working with engineer Bruce Kahn on a primarily acoustic album in early April. "Dr. G & The Good Medicine Band" worked with engineer Rick King mixing down their latest album. [The Medicine Band played last year at the Wendell Coffeehouse and were a smash hit!] Finally Rich Marcello, an accomplished composer from Worcester has begun working on his album.

An integral part of the Recording Studio is the Wendell School of Audio Engineering, and it is doing great with Bruce Kahn as the Faculty Director. A new course is being initiated in the summer on audio maintenance, to be taught by a former instructor from Full Sail Recording Studio. Call the studio for more information.

While on the subject of the Recording Studio, our own local songbird Judy Bauman ["Judy and the Jets"] will be working in collaboration with Fern Bork on a recording project in the near future.

Speaking of recording projects, ex-Wendellite Julia Burrough is working on her second cassette of her own original music. She will be accompanied by local percussionist Karen Copeland at the studio, as well as several other musicians including Tex LaMountain, and singers. She's a gifted songwriter-singer, and if you haven't heard her yet, check her out!

Be sure to check local listings and remember no matter what your musical taste you'll find it here in Wendell...so get out there and SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL MUSICIAN....or better yet, be one yourself!...and the beat goes on.

Doug Tanner

SEAWEEDS

There are several species of kelps. Alaria esculenta: ala (Latin) means wing, esculenta (Latin) means edible, is similar to Japanese wakame, Laminaria longicruris is known as kombu. Fucus verisculosis, a familiar seaweed to those of us who have walked the rocky shores of northern New England, is known by many as rockweed, (the favorite of many coastal gardeners as a natural fertilizer extr dinaire!) All three thrive in the rocky, cold bottom sea environment of the No. Atlantic and are best harvested at low tide during the spring months. Nereocystis luetkeana is a kelp harvested in the waters of the No. Pacific.

This one is our favorite for nibbling on. The Fucus, or bladderwrack, is the most abundant and easily gathered as it grows close to the mainland shore. All of the above species fall into the family of Phaeophyceae, or brown algae, although they can sometimes appear quite greenish.

Susan Weed in her book Healing Wise calls kelps "mineral treasure chests" as they contain average or higher amounts of trace minerals as well as calcium (1 Tablespoon of cooked hiziki, another brown algae, is approximately equal in calcium to a glass of whole milk!), potassium and iodine. As a source of iodine kelps provide those with low functioning thyroid gland a supplement to revitalize this important gland, to regulate metabolism, help regulate the texture of one's skin and ensure thick, lustrous hair, strong nails and healthy teeth.

There are some who are cautious as to the heavy metals and natural radioactive elements found in many of the prepackaged seaweeds. To be assured of high quality, clean seaweeds it is recommended to either gather your own from the least polluted ocean waters or support the small scale gatherers who harvest with knowledge and awareness of these plants and the waters in which they are bathed. (See end of article for addresses of two such gatherers.)

Kelps are also excellent sources of algin and alginic acids which as purified mucilage is used in commercial foods as stabilizers and gelatins. Diet yogurt, ice cream, chocolate milk and candies are a few of these foods. Algin and kelps offer incredibly good protection from many kinds of modern day pollutants, carcinogens and toxins According to Daniel Mowrey Ph. D. in his book The Scientific Validation of Herbal Medicine states that "Canadian researchers have found, for example, that Algin, though undigestible, can prevent living tissue from absorbing radioactive materials, including strontium-90, barium, mercury, zinc, tin, cadmium, manganese and zinc. " Susan Weed explains further in Healing Wise that "these researchers have found that alginic acid binds with the radioactive strontium (used at nuclear power plants) to form strontium alginate—an insoluble compound which is rapidly eliminated from the gastro-intestinal tract, reducing the absorption of strontium-90 by 50-90%." Algin has also been shown to diminish blood levels of lead and other heavy metals in animal studies.

The protective, immune-stimulating, nourishing value of the sea plants are some of the properties we enjoy when taking them on a daily basis. We also benefit from the calming, flowing, soothing characteristics of these ocean treasures. Our energy and stamina are increased as our glandular and nervous systems are supported through the high nutrient value of the kelps. Our circulatory system responds to a diet including seaweeds with strengthened circulation and cardiac efficiency, lower chloresterol, balanced blood pressure and a heart pumping with a maintained strength and rhythm akin to the power and measure of the sea and her tides.

Finally, the seaweeds provide benefits to our digestive system in their nourishing, soothing and disinfecting capabilities and by aiding fat metabolism and maintaining a healthy intestinal flora. Seaweed has become an important ally for many people seeking help preventing and healing many physical conditions such as high blood pressure, chilly extremities, arteriosclerosis, goiter, infertility, allergic reactions, stress. neuritis. intestinal difficulties, fibroids, pre-menstrual/menopausal problems, weight gain or loss, fatigue and certain cancers including breast cancer.

There are many biological and scientific reasons for the actions the kelps have on our systems, but I believe that their true grace and healing stem from the three gifts they manifest in the very fiber of their cells--the tenacity, flexibility, and adaptability these wild plants have developed over the eons of time in which they have developed and grown in the rich, powerful and intense conditions of the northern ocean waters. Larch Hanson of Maine Seaweed Company reminds us not only of these three characteristics (in his booklet Edible Sea Vegetables of the New England Coast,) but also that "They live in the earth-mother's sea-blood, concentrating the nutrients, passing them on to our own sea-blood."

At home, we use kelp, ground or powdered, as a salt substitute and condiment. We add it to almost every soup, stew and casserole I make either in its ground form or cut into small pieces. It finds it's way into many sauces, entrees and even salad dressings! Look for some easy and delicious recipes in the next issue of the Post.

I hope I have tempted you to try one or more of these kelps. Two excellent resources are: Larch and Cynthia Hanson, Maine Seaweed Company, P.O. Box 57. Steuben, ME 04680; and Ryan Drum, Island Herbs, Waldron Island, WA 98297.

Kate Gilday

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OLD HOME DAY

'ON THE COMMON'

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Saturday, July 13, 1991 ON THE COMMON!!!

9:00 Open House at the Fire Station/Town Garage (free coffee & donuts!)
10:00 Parade - everyone welcome to join!
11:00 Music starts
1:00 Children's Earth Ceramic Tile Mural
1:30 Games Begin
2:00 Tye Dye Clinic (bring your whites)
4:30 Our own Famous Diemand Chicken B-B-Q

music includes:
Perry Howarth & the Screamers
John Costar & Suzanna Keith with special guest Judith Anne Marie
Justina & Joyce
Julia Burrough with special guest Karen Copeland
Outerspace!!!!!
Bruce McKay & the Hometown Boys
Gangly Hearts & the Cannibals
with: Court Dorsey
Bob Rosser
Craig Eastmen
Annie Hasset
Jonathon McClelland
Rupert Clark with special guest: the Wendell Drummers.

Join us - your friends and neighbors for a town day of celebration. Craft booths, pony rides, flea markets, volleyball and softball games, art shows, fashion show, food, demonstrations, and much, much more!!!

Wanted-Kids' Art

Bring your best art work (painting, sketches, sculpture etc.) to the Meetinghouse and share it with us on Old Home Day. Call Rosalie for more information at 544-6850

Wendell Fashion Show

Delve into your imagination and create a fantasy costume for our first annual fashion show to be held on Old Home Day. Prizes for the most creative, funniest, most outrageous, best use of recycled materials etc. Call Rosalie for more info-544-6850

NEW SALEM

Saturday, July 20, 1991

7 - 10 Fireman's Pancake Breakfast

10 Registration for Foot Race

10:30 Ben Stacy Family Foot Race
Exhibits Open

11:00 Two-Person Saw Contest

12:00 Parade - Theme: Storybook Characters

12:30 Children's Contest

1:00 Volleyball Game

1:30 Egg Catching Contest

2:30 Softball Game

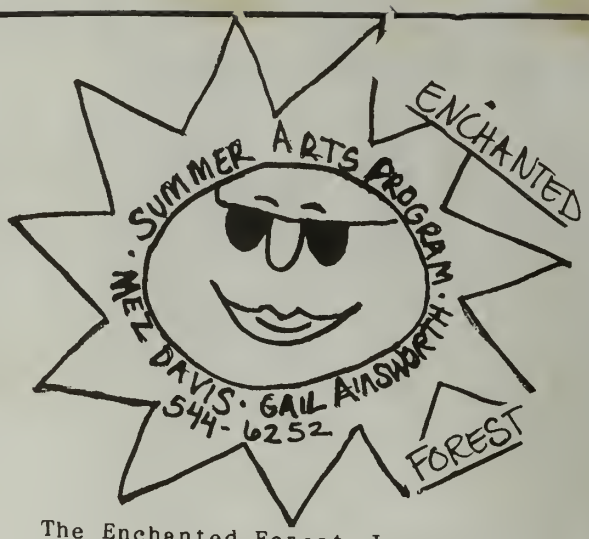
3:00 Band Concert

5:30 B-B-Q Town Picnic

7:30 John Porcino, storyteller/folk

FREE WATERCOLOR WORKSHOP

Have you always been interested in painting with watercolors but just haven't gotten around to it? Or have you been painting and wondering how watercolorists get those wonderful watery effects? If this sounds like you, or you're just curious, then you will probably enjoy spending an afternoon with me learning a bit about techniques, color and other basic information. The workshop will be held on Saturday, July 20, from 1 pm to 4 pm at the Wendell Senior Center. This event is funded by a Wendell Arts Lottery Grant. There is a slight possibility that the money will not come through from the state. If that happens, I will request a small voluntary donation. Please call for information and to register.
Laura Kaye 544-8023



The Enchanted Forest, Journey Into Recycling (a play with 14 Swift River School children) was such a success that we decided to go ahead with our dream of having an arts program in the center of Wendell! Thus, the Enchanted Forest Summer Arts Program was born!
The schedule is as follows:

Schedule of Events

Week	Date	Event
1	6/25-27	Dinosaurs-Paper Mache
2	7/1-3	Fimo clay/Felt Making
3	7/9-11	Nature walk, Medicine shields and natural art
4	7/16-18	Clay
5	7/23-25	Batik
6	7/30-8/1	Theater
7	8/6-8	Painting/Drawing
8	8/13-15	Weaving/Baskets
9	8/20-22	Self Image Dolls/ Puppetry

For further information and registration form please call:
Mez Davis at 544-6252
Gail Ainsworth/Krutka at 544-6362
Program will run every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thurs. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. (week of 7/4, Mon.,Tues.,Wed.)
At: The Wendell Meeting House
Weekly projects to include: Arts, Crafts, Nature, Music, Drama, Literature.
We are really excited about the project and ideas that we have, as we launch our program with dinosaurs and paper mache. It is our vision to let the creative process in each child shine through.
Our focus is also on recycling, using art as a tool so that it becomes (if you will) a "household" word. Our children are the key to recycling being a natural pleasant daily occurence... Let us begin!
Please call us to discuss fees as we do barter, and offer different price packages. We are also offering an after School Arts Program in the Fall. It's not too early to enroll your child, as space of course is limited. This will serve as after school care and fulfill all of our needs to be creative in a group setting!
There are still some spaces available in the Summer Arts Program. Stop by the studio or give us a call. We'd love to talk to you.
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